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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectively requested in view of the above amendments and these remarks. Claims 1-23 are currently pending.

In the Office Action, claims 1-17, 22 and 23 were allowed. Applicants note with appreciation that the subject matter of these claims has been allowed.

Claims 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0001315 to Morimoto in view of United States Patent No. 6,243,395 to Fujimori. Applicants have amended claim 18 to overcome the rejection. In particular, the Office Action notes that the contents of claim 18's preamble were not considered because they were not in the body of the claim. Thus, Applicants have amended claim 18 to clarify that the data packet is a part of each of a plurality of timing portions and each timing portion has two or more data packets. Furthermore, the data packets have a header that contains a value that changes with each timing portion. In addition, the clock being provided by at least one time segment having a plurality of timing portions is also claimed.

As the Applicants have overcome all substantive rejections and objections given by the Examiner and have complied with all requests properly presented by the Examiner, the Applicants contend that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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